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MERIDIAN, MISS. Aug. 5, 1948

Hon. John C. Stennis,
U.S. Senator,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

I congratulate you on your filibuster speech in the effort to pass the anti-poll tax bill. I notice you stood by after your speech, ready to speak the second time, should there be a gap in holding the floor. I have heard many fine expressions, highly complimentary for this stand taken. Also Senator Eastland. Theodore Roosevelt said once when he was the President regarding something that pleased him, by saying "Bully" It seems an evident fact that the administration is hooked up with the Communists. A cancer in the State Department; in the Justice Department; in the Executive Department. And this cancer is slowly eating its way in our government to finally overthrow it. I trust these investigations will not only develop as it now appears, but that there shall following charges and proof of the charges, with as a result the penalty of law pronounced. I have no love for Truman. I shall vote the States Rights program, and while we may not win the election, we will in some points to let the Northern Democrats know we will not follow them, when they fight us and then expect to fall in line. It seems the Northern Democrats join the Republicans whenever the negro comes up for further rights. I am proud of our representatives there in the senate. I am surprised at Fullbright of Ark. He seems a sleep, though a Rhodes scholar. I assume you will be coming home next week, I assume and when you come to Meridian, will be delighted to see you then.

Your friend,

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August 16, 1948

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Meridian, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I could not have received a letter that I appreciated any more than yours concerning the anti-poll tax measure. It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me and I'm sorry the press of a number of pending matters has prevented my thanking you sooner. I assure you your words greatly encourage me, not only for the present but for the future.

Not until the very last moment were we sure that our fight would be successful at the special session. It appears certain the fight will be renewed in January and if the proponents are able to change the Senate rules, I'm afraid one or more of the so-called civil rights bills will be adopted. The chances of their passage will be greatly heightened unless the Democrats can win control of the Senate, a development that would place the South in the strongest possible position.

We sought in the special session to get public attention focused on the vital constitutional questions involved in these bills and I do feel some headway was made. A number of the large Eastern newspapers and magazines have been most favorable in their comments upon this phase of the issue.

Your continuing interest in this matter is appreciated and I want you to know I shall regard it as a privilege to have your viewpoint and suggestions at all times.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator